

Gimme Shelter

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Adopt Around the Clock!



This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Loudoun County Animal Shelter, and we are throwing ourselves a big birthday party! Starting at 8:00am on **Friday, June 29**, the Shelter will open its doors for adoption... and not close for **40 consecutive hours!**

That's right—it's **Homeward Bound 2007: Adopt Around the Clock!** We are celebrating 40 years of the Animal Shelter by trying to adopt as many pets as possible in a 40 hour period. The goal is to find new homes for *every animal in the Shelter*.



Plus, our breed rescue partners and local humane societies have been invited to join the festivities and bring their adoptable pets to the Shelter to help find new homes as well. Check our website, www.loudoun.gov/animals, for details and a complete schedule.



There will be lots of fun activities, treats, and surprises throughout the event, so keep checking the website and watch our Comcast Channel 3 TV show, *Making Friends*, for details. And be sure to come to the Animal Shelter for **Homeward Bound 2007: Adopt Around the Clock**. Maybe you'll find your new best friend!



When the Shelter first opened...

- Lyndon Johnson was President
- A gallon of gas cost \$.28
- The average price of a new home was \$40,000
- Mickey Mantle hit his 500th home run
- The Green Bay Packers won Super Bowl I
- "Daydream Believer" was a hit for the Monkees
- Katharine Hepburn won an Oscar for "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?"
- Director Tom Koenig was only 7 years old!!

Shelter Staff Training Time

On May 19 & 20, Animal Care & Control hosted an educational workshop for area animal shelter personnel on the care and housing of pit bulls in shelter environments.

Loudoun County Animal Shelter staff was joined by staff and volunteers from the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria, Prince William County Animal Control, Fairfax County Animal Control, Harford County Humane Society, and the Animal Welfare League of Arlington. The workshop was presented by Bad Rap (Bay Area Dog Lovers Responsible About Pit Bulls), who shared their expertise on pit bull behavior, identification, sheltering and adoption.

Bad Rap, a non-profit organization headquartered in San Francisco, California, is a nationally-recognized pit bull advocacy organization which promotes responsible pit bull ownership and adoption. They have been asked to speak at various national conferences, including the 2006 Humane Society of the United States Expo, and recently co-hosted a webinar on pit bull adoption programs through Petsmart Charities. Their programs include pit bull education classes, dog safety classes, and a "Pit Bull Hall" adoption partnership with East Bay SPCA.

This workshop marks the first time that Bad Rap has brought their program to an East Coast shelter.



Happy 250th, Loudoun!

A fantastic time was had by all at the Loudoun County 250th Anniversary Celebration on May 19! It was a beautiful day, and best of all, **2 Loudoun County Retrievers** found new homes! Leonard and Rocco were a big hit with people of all ages, and they had a great time meeting everyone. Boy were they tired by the end of the day!

Thanks to everyone who visited us, and a big thank you to the two wonderful families who adopted these dogs and are giving them forever homes.



Employee of the Month

Marilyn Barbaro is May's Employee of the Month! Marilyn has worked in Customer Service/Dispatch since January, and in that short time she has made a big impact! She is always quick to lend a hand and help her co-workers in just about everything. Whether it is creating a calendar for Animal Control, helping to bottle feed orphaned kittens, making litter boxes, or keeping the soap dispensers full, Marilyn always goes the extra step to make sure that things are

running smoothly.

Marilyn is always professional and courteous to customers at the front counter and on the phone. She is caring and compassionate to both animals and people, and always has a smile and kind word to say.

Thank you Marilyn for all you do!

Congratulations Marilyn!



What We're Up To...

Those Rascally Rabbits

Are you looking for some bunny to love? Then you are in luck! We have lots of wonderful rabbits at the Animal Shelter who are looking for new homes.

Grayson (top right) is an adult female looking for a home. She came to the Shelter as a stray, so we don't know too much about her background. We do know that she is affectionate and social, and would make a great companion!

Babies!

The rabbits pictured bottom right are part of a litter that was born at the Shelter in February. Their mom came in as a stray, and a couple of days later the babies were here! They spent some time in a foster home growing big and strong, and now they are ready to find permanent, loving homes.

To learn more about our rabbits available for adoption, visit our website at www.loudoun.gov/animals. And, to learn more about rabbit care, visit www.rabbitwise.org.

